



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATI RAJ
Rajendranagar, Hyderabad**

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Dated 21st December, 2018

MEMORANDUM

The undersigned proposes to hold an inquiry against Dr.E.V.Prakash Rao, Professor (under suspension) under Rule 14 of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures - III and IV).

2. Dr. EV Prakash Rao is directed to submit, within 15 days, of the receipt of this Memorandum, a written statement of his defence and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

3. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

4. Dr.E.V.Prakash Rao is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para 2 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 14 of the CCS(CCA) Rules, 1965, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rule, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

5. Attention of Dr.EV Prakash Rao is invited to Rule 20 of National Institute of Rural Development (Conduct) Rules read with Rule 20 of Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will

be presumed that Dr.EV Prakash Rao is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rules 20 of the CCS(Conduct) Rules, 1964.

6. The receipt of the Memorandum may be acknowledged.

Encl: As above.

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ARTICLE - I

That the said Dr. E.V. Prakash Rao while functioning as Professor in the Eastern Regional Centre (ERC), NIRDPR, Patna conducted 15 training programmes during the period between February 2013 to February 2015, for which he had addressed a communication to one AkhilaBharatiyaPanchayati Raj VikasSansthan (ABPRVS) every time before commencement of the training programme requesting to make arrangement for venue, boarding and lodging for the participants and at the same time he authenticated and processed the bills for payment amounting to Rs.61,08,060 (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Eight Thousand and Sixty only) in the name of New Nilima Tent House and Caterers. However, on enquiry it has been revealed that the nine training programmes were conducted at Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Patna for which an amount of Rs.76,000/- (Rupees Seventy Six Thousand only) was alone paid by him. Dr.Prakash Rao concealed the fact of conducting the training programmes in Gandhi Sangrahalaya and failed to bring on record about conducting the training programmes at Gandhi Sangrahalaya and the payments made thereon to them. But the said Dr. E.V. Prakash Rao had authenticated and processed the bills in the name of New Nilima Tent House and Caterers amounting to Rs.61,08,060 (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Eight Thousand and Sixty only) for payment by acknowledging on each of the bills that he himself paid the amount in cash. He portrayed as if New Nilima Tent House and Caterers had made all the arrangements through ABPRVS while hiding the fact that an amount of Rs.76,000/- (Rupees Seventy Six Thousand only) was already paid to Gandhi Sangrahalaya. It is also observed that the bills of NewNilima Tent House and Caterers were almost serially issued during the period of February 2013 to February 2015 which indicates that there are no other bills issued by the firm during that period as if there are no other customers except Dr.E.V.Prakash Rao. From the above it is established that Dr. Prakash Rao had conducted nine training programmes at Gandhi Sangrahalaya but authenticated and processed the fictitious bills in the name of New Nilima Tent House and Caterers amounting to Rs.61,08,060 (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Eight Thousand and Sixty only) while concealing the fact that he paid a nominal amount to Gandhi Sangrahalaya. It is clear that he did not conduct any training at New Nilima Tent House and Caterers and thus amounted to breach of trust by government employee, misappropriation of government funds, failure to maintain high ethical standards and honesty, acted contrary to law, rules, regulations and established practices, misused of his

position as government servant failed to perform / discharge his duties with highest degree of professionalism and his conduct is prejudicial to the interests and reputation of the Institute and the said acts and conduct constitute to failure to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty, unbecoming of a government servant and thus violated Rule 3 (1) (i) to (iii) of NIRD Employee (Conduct) Rules.

ARTICLE – II

That the said Dr. E.V Prakash Rao while functioning as Professor in ERC, NIRDPR, conducted training programmes at ERC-Patna. For the programmes conducted during February 2013 to February 2015, and settled the bills submitted by New Nilima Tent House and Caterers for 9 programs amounting to Rs.34,06,250/- (Rupees Thirty four lakhs six thousand two hundred fifty only) towards venue, boarding and lodging facilities wrongfully claiming that he had provided these facilities to all the participants in the 9 trainings. Dr.E.V. Prakash Rao claimed expense @ Rs.1,250/- (Rupees One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty only) per person per day towards venue, boarding and lodging. He authenticated and processed the bills for an amount of Rs.34,06,250/- (Rupees Thirty four lakhs six thousand two hundred fifty only). However, from the feedback received from the participants of the training program, it is confirmed that the venue for training was in the Institutions like Gandhi Sangrahalaya which was confirmed vide their letter No.33/1066/2018-18 dt.30.05.2018 and stated that during that period 9 trainings were conducted in their premises and venue charges for each training program was paid by NIRD. The facilities for boarding and lodging were not arranged at the Institution where trainings were actually conducted. Dr. E.V. Prakash Rao provided only working lunch and tea from an outside agency as per the written statement of Shri Bhagwan Singh Dobal, Draughtsman, one of the witnesses as well the feedback received from the trainees. The cost of working lunch and tea if ordered in bulk at Patna would be around Rs.150/- (Rupees One Hundred Fifty only) per person per day which was said to have been provided during the days which works out to Rs.4,08,750/- (One Four lakhs eight thousand seven hundred and fifty only). Thus, the total cost on venue, boarding & lodging for these nine training programs would be Rs.4,84,750/- (Rs.4,08,750 + Rs.76,000).

From the above, it is clear that he misappropriated an amount of Rs.29,21,500/- (Rupees Twenty nine lakhs twenty one thousand five hundred only) (Rs.34,06,250 – Rs.4,84,750) from only 9 training programmes. Dr.EV Prakash Rao had authenticated and

processed these fictitious and inflated bills for payment and thus misused his official position as Government servant taking decisions in order to derive financial benefits for himself. Thus he failed to maintain high ethical standards and honesty, acted contrary to law, rules, regulations and established practices, misused his position as government servant and failed to perform / discharge his duties with highest degree of professionalism and his conduct is grossly immoral that all reasonable men will say that the employee cannot be trusted and the Institute cannot rely on his faithfulness and the said acts and conduct constitute to failure to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and behaved in an unbecoming of a Government servant and thus violated Rule 3 (1) (i), 3 (1) (ii) and 3 (1) (iii) of NIRD Employee (Conduct) Rules.

ARTICLE – III

That the said Dr.EV Prakash Rao while functioning as Professor in ERC, NIRDPR, conducted training programmes at ERC-Patna during February 2013 to February 2015 and settled the bills in the name of Om Sai Tours & Travels, Patna amounting to Rs. 12,50,117/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Fifty Thousand One Hundred and Seventeen only) towards the hiring of vehicle charges. On verification of the bills, it is seen that Dr.Prakash Rao had authenticated and processed the bills for payment for two programmes conducted during December 2014 to February 2015 and an amount of Rs. 1,76,632/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty two only) was shown as paid towards hiring of vehicles. On close scrutiny of the registration numbers of some of the vehicles through Vahan website it has come out that the registration numbers of the vehicles in the bills do not correspond/tally to the registration numbers allotted by the Regional Transport Officer (RTO). The vehicle numbers in these bills according to the Vahan website of RTO shows that these registration numbers pertain to three wheelers / two wheelers / tractors or busses and not that of the registration numbers allotted to the vehicles mentioned in the bills (Sumos/ Boleras/ Indica). However, Dr.Prakash Rao had authenticated and processed the claims amounting to Rs.24,250/- (Rupees Twenty four thousand two hundred fifty only) towards the transport hiring charges while he actually did not hire these vehicles. However, he authenticated and processed the fictitious bills with fake registration numbers. Dr.Prakash Rao has thus misused his official position as Government servant and took decisions in order to derive financial benefits for himself in excess of powers conferred on him acting otherwise than in his best judgment and failed to maintain high ethical standards

and honesty, acted contrary to law, rules, regulations and established practices, misused his position as government servant. By his above misconduct, all reasonable persons will say that the employee cannot be trusted and the Institute cannot rely on him and the said acts and conduct constitute to failure to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty, unbecoming of a Government servant and thus violated Rule 3 (1) (i), 3 (1) (ii) and 3 (1) (iii) of NIRD Employee (Conduct) Rules.

ARTICLE-IV

That the said Dr.EV Prakash Rao while functioning as Professor in ERC, NIRDPR, Patna conducted training programmes at ERC-Patna during the period from February 2013 to February 2015. On cursory check of the bills pertaining to two training programmes conducted during December 2014 and February 2015 it is noticed that he had settled the bills towards hiring of vehicles from Om Sai Tours and Travels towards transportation at a uniform mileage of 400 kms per day. However, no breakup travel details were shown in the bills. Assuming that transportation facility was provided daily during the period of training for a maximum of two / three resource persons, the total mileage works out to a maximum of 75kms only per day considering the distance travelled by the resource persons from their residence / work place to the place of venue (Gandhi Sangrahalaya or New Nilima Tent House and Caterers) and back, based on the distance details obtained from the Google Maps. Thus, the fictitious bills were authenticated and processed by him for payment involving an additional mileage of 325 km per day for 11 days pilfering an amount of Rs.65,000/- (Rupees Sixty five thousand only) with escalated mileages of 3,575 kilometres pertaining to two training programmes conducted during December 2014 and February 2015 alone. This is only indicative since Dr.Prakash Rao had conducted 32 programs since January 2012 for all of which the bills were authenticated and processed by him from Neelu Tours and Travels / Om Sai Tours and Travels for which bills were submitted for each training. The above acts of Dr.Prakash Rao amounted to misuse of his official position as Government servant and taking decisions in order to derive financial benefits for himself failing maintaining of high ethical standards and honesty. Thus he failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and had violated Rule 3 (1) (i), 3 (1) (ii) and 3 (1) (iii) of NIRD Employee (Conduct) Rules.

ARTICLE-V

That the said Dr. E.V. Prakash Rao while functioning as Professor in ERC, NIRDPR, Patna conducted 17 training programmes at ERC-Patna between April 2012 and February 2015. It is noticed that he had settled the bills towards hiring of vehicles from Neelu Tours and Travels / Om Sai Tours and Travels towards transportation of participants for field visits at an uniform mileage of 400 kms per field trip for the above 17 programmes though the field trips were to different locations on different occasions from the place of venue. On verification of the details of the distance covered during the 17 field visits it was noticed that a total distance of 56,800 kms was shown as covered for the said field visits. However, the total mileage actually comes to 42,141 Kms only as per the route map and the distance mentioned in the Google Maps. Thus, an additional mileage of 14659 kms was added in the bills which were authenticated and processed by him. Thus, an additional amount of Rs. 1,39,260/- (Rupees One lakh thirty nine thousand two hundred sixty only) was processed for payment by him by escalating the mileage in the fictitious bills for pilferage of the Government money. Thus the acts and conduct of Dr.Prakash Rao amounted to misuse of his official position as Government servant and taking decisions in order to derive financial benefits for himself in excess of powers conferred on him, failed to maintain high ethical standards and honesty, acted contrary to law, rules, regulations and established practices, misused of his position as government servant. Dr.Prakash Rao had thus failed to maintain integrity and devotion to duty and became unbecoming of a Government servant violating Rule 3 (1) (i), 3 (1) (ii) and 3 (1) (iii) of NIRD Employee (Conduct) Rules.

ANNEXURE – II

Statement of imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of the Articles of Charge framed against Dr.Prakash Rao, Professor, NIRDPR (under suspension).

ARTICLE -I

Dr. E.V. Prakash Rao while functioning as Professor in ERC, NIRDPR conducted 15 numbers of training programmes during the period February 2013 to February 2015 and settled the bills submitted by New Nilima Tent House and Caterers, Patna through AkhilaBharatiyaPanchayatiRajVikasSansthan (ABPRVS) amounting to Rs.61,08,060(Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Eight Thousand and Sixty only) towards hiring of venue and for providing boarding and lodging to the participants. After conducting the training programmes,Dr.EV Prakash Rao submitted bills of New Nilima Tent House and Caterers for providing venue, boarding and lodging facilities duly authenticating the bills as per the details indicated below:

Sl.No	Dates of Training	Bill No and Date	Amount certified (in Rupees)
1	11-14 Feb 2013	396/16-02-2013	314980
2	25-28 Feb 2013	398/02-03-2013	251280
3	18- 21 March 2013	400/23-03-2013	283170
4	24-29 June 2013	504/01-07-2013	402000
5	23 -28 Sept 2013	503/13-09-2013	419740
6	25-30 Nov 2013	506/02-12-2013	437480
7	17-22 Feb 2014	507/24-02-2014	437480
8	7-12 April 2014	510/14-04-2014	437480
9	12-17 May 2014	512/19-05-2014	437480
10	23-28 June 2014	515/30-06-2014	437480
11	21-26 July 2014	517/28-07-2014	437480
12	22-27 Sept 2014	519/29-09-2014	437480
13	03-08 Nov 2014	521/10-11-2014	437480
14	01-06 Dec 2014	524/08-12-2014	437480
15	09-14 Feb 2015	527/16-02-2015	499570
	Total		6108060

Based on a complaint dated 27-11-2014, Central Bureau of Investigation, Hyderabad directed NIRD&PR to investigate the matter. On inquiry it has come out that out of the 15 programmes conducted, 9 training programmes were conducted by Dr.EV Prakash Rao at Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Patna. Secretary, Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Patna vide his Letter No.

33/1066/2018-18 dated 30/05/2018 confirmed that an amount of Rs. 76,000/- (Seventy Six Thousand only) was received by them towards booking of Conference Hall by NIRDPR, ERC, Patna as per the details indicated below:

S.No.	Date of program	Bill Number	Amount	Date of Payment
1.	11,12 &14 Feb 2013	5919	Rs. 6,000	11.02.2013
2.	25,26 & 28 Feb 2013	5925	Rs.6,000	22.02.2013
3.	18, 19 & 21 March 2013	5929	Rs. 6,000	08.03.2013
4.	24 to 27 & 29 June 2013	5942	Rs. 10,000	12.06.2013
5.	23 to 26 September 2013	5967	Rs. 8,000	23.09.2013
6.	25 to 30 November 2013	5982	Rs. 10,000	25.11.2013
7.	17 to 22 Feb 2014	NA	Rs.10,000	17.02.2014
8.	7 to 12 April 2014	NA	Rs. 10,000	07.04.2014
9.	9 to 13 February 2015	NA	Rs. 10,000	09.02.2015

To establish the identity and capability of the New Nilima Tent House and Caterers, Patna, necessary enquires were caused through internet and it was found that besides the name of the establishment (i.e., New Nilima Tent house & Caterers written in Hindi), it contains the Phone Number as (9334541292) and the name of the proprietor is mentioned as Rajesh Kumar. The Phone Number and the name of the proprietor corresponds exactly with the phone number and proprietor on the bills of New Nilima Tent house & Caterers which were duly signed and certified as paid in cash by Dr. EV Prakash Rao based on which the bills were cleared and cheques were issued in his favour.

The photo of New Nilima Tent house & Caterers shows that it is just a Tent house. It is too small to have a conference hall. It is clear it had no kitchen to provide breakfast, lunch, dinner, tea & snacks to nearly 50 participants at a time. It is also seen that the bills of New Nilima Tent House & Caterers were almost serially issued as if there were no other bills by the firm during the above period. It means that New Nilima Tent House & Caterers had no other customers except Dr.Prakash Rao and the bills processed by Dr.Prakash Rao are fictitious.

From the above, it is evident that Dr. Prakash Rao had conducted 9 training programs at Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Patna. He, however, authenticated and processed the fictitious bills in the name of New Nilima Tent House & Caterers for an amount of Rs.61,08,060 (Rupees

Sixty One Lakhs Eight Thousand Sixty only).Dr. Prakash Rao never brought on record about the bills paid to Gandhi Sangrahalaya even though he had actually conducted 9 programs in this Institute and paid an amount of Rs.76,000(Rupees Seventy Six Thousand only) to them. The fact of not bringing the payments made to Gandhi Sangrahalaya on record and authenticating and passing the inflated fictitious bills in the name of New Nilima Tenthouse & Caterers indicates his malafide intentions for personal illegal financial benefits violating Rule 3 (1) (i), (ii) and (iii) of NIRD Employees (Conduct) Rules.

ARTICLE - II

Dr. E.V. Prakash Rao while functioning as Professor in NIRDPR, ERC conducted training programmes at Patna during the period from February 2013 to February 2015. For the 9 programmes conducted during the period, Dr. Prakash Rao had settled the bills submitted by New Nilima Tent House and Caterers amounting to Rs.34,06,250/- (Rupees Thirty four lakhs six thousand two hundred fifty only) towards the charges for venue, boarding and lodging facilities claiming that he had provided these facilities to all the participants in the nine trainings as indicated below:

The list of participants in the training programs were enclosed by him indicating their phone numbers and name of the district. A phone call was made to the trainees at random to find out the details of facilities provided to the participants. All those who could be contacted said that no boarding and lodging except working lunch and tea were provided during training days.

Many of the participants informed that they were from Patna only though in the training details they were shown hailing from various parts of Bihar like Samastipur, Madhubani, Jamui, Munger, Lakhisaria, Motihari, Dabangha, Bettia, Jamui, Sekhpura etc. Further they have informed that they were only provided with working lunch and tea during the days of training.

From the above it is confirmed that usual accommodation and food was not arranged during the entire period of trainings. Mr. Bhagwan Singh Dobal, Draughtsman who was assisting Dr. Rao in conducting the trainings confirmed in writing that only working lunch and tea were provided in each training during the above three training programmes.

However, Dr.EV Prakash Rao had authenticated and processed the claims for an amount of Rs.34,06,250 (Rupees Thirty four lakhs six thousand two hundred and fifty only) towards lodging, boarding and other expenditure for training days in each programme at Rs.1,250 per day per trainee for all the participants in nine training programs as indicated by him. It is confirmed that the venue for training was in the Institution Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Patna. The venue charges for each training program were paid to Gandhi Sangrahalaya as confirmed by them vide their letter No.33/1066/2018-18 dt.30.05.2018. The facilities for boarding and lodging were not arranged at the Institutions where trainings were actually conducted. Dr.E.V. Prakash Rao provided only working lunch and tea from an outside agency. The cost of working lunch and tea if ordered in bulk at Patna at that time would be around Rs.150/- (Rupees One Hundred Fifty only) per person per day which was claimed to have been provided for seven days of training working out to Rs.4,08,750/- (Rupees four lakhs eight thousand seven hundred and fifty only). Thus, the actual total cost on venue, boarding & lodging for these three training programs would be not more than Rs.4,84,750/-. From the above, it is clear that he pilfered the amount around Rs.29,21,500/- (Rupees Twenty nine lakhs twenty one thousand five hundred only) (Rs.34,06,250 – Rs.4,08,750) which amounts to 86 per cent of the amount sanctioned and paid in cheque to Dr.Prakash Rao for the nine training programs as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Dates of training	No. Of participants	No. Of days	Neelima Tenthouse and Caterers		Venue charges at Gandhi Sangrahalaya		Charges for working lunch & tea at Rs.150 per head per trainee	Total venue + working lunch & tea charges	Difference
				Bill No. And Date	Amount Certified as paid at Rs.1250 /- per day per trainee	Bill No. And Date	Amount			
1	11-14 Feb 2013	49	5	396/16-02-2013	306250	5919/11-02-2013	6000	36750	42750	263500
2	25-28 Feb 2013	39	5	398/02-03-2013	243750	5925/22-02-2013	6000	29250	35250	208500
3	18-21 March 2013	44	5	400/23-03-2013	275000	5929/08-03-2013	6000	33000	39000	236000
4	24-29 June 2013	45	7	504/01-07-2013	393750	5942/12-06-2013	10000	47250	57250	336500

S l . N o .	Dates of training	No. Of participants	No. Of days	NeelimaTenthouse and Caterers	Venue charges at Gandhi Sangrahalaya	Charge s for working lunch & tea at Rs.150 per head per trainee	Total venue + working lunch & tea charges	Difference
5	23-28 Sept 2013	47	7	503/13-09-2013 411250	5967/23-09-2013 8000	49350	57350	353900
6	25-30 Nov 2013	49	7	506/02-12-2013 428750	5982/25-11-2013 10000	51450	61450	367300
7	17-22 Feb 2014	49	7	507/24-02-2014 428750	-/17-02-2014 10000	51450	61450	367300
8	7-12 April 2014	49	7	510/14-04-2014 428750	-/07-04-2014 10000	51450	61450	367300
9	9-14 Feb 2015	56	7	527/16-02-2015 490000	-/09-02-2015 10000	58800	68800	421200
				Total 3406250	Total 76000	408750	484750	2921500

He had thus involved in irregular financial transactions and exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and also behaved in a manner of unbecoming of a Government Servant violating Rule 3(1) (i), 3 (1) (ii) and 3 (1) (iii) of NIRD Employees (Conduct) Rules.

ARTICLE III

Dr. EV Prakash Rao while functioning as Professor in ERC, NIRDPR, conducted training programmes at ERC-Patna during February 2013 to February 2015 and settled the bills in the name of Om Sai Tours & Travels, Patna amounting to Rs. 12,50,117 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Fifty Thousand One Hundred and Seventeen only) towards the hiring of vehicle charges for the above training programmes. On verification of the bills, it is noted that Dr.Prakash Rao had authenticated and processed the bills for an amount of Rs.1,76,632 (One Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Two only) in respect of two programmes conducted during December 2014 to February 2015. The bills indicated the hired vehicle types as Sumo/Bolero/Indica. On close scrutiny of the registration numbers of some of the vehicles mentioned in the bills through “Vahan” website(<http://vahan.nic.in/nrcservices/faces/user/isp/SearchStatus.jsp>) it has come out that the registration numbers of the vehicles mentioned in the bills do not belong to these vehicles and the vehicles with these registration numbers are either three wheelers / two wheelers /

tractors or busses. A Statement indicating the details of the vehicles said to have been engaged and the real status of these vehicles is indicated below.

Source: <https://vahan.nic.in/nrservices/faces/user/jsp/SearchStatus.jsp>

Details of the vehicles mentioned in the bills and the verification details through Vahan website:

Sl. No.	Date of hiring of vehicle	Vehicle No	Vehicle type as per bill	Date of Bill	Amount (Rs.)	Vehicle type as per Registration mentioned in the website
1.	30-11-2014	BR 1 AP 5321	Sumo	08-12-2014	1,750	Bus
2.	01-12-2014	BR 1 AP 8083	Sumo	08-12-2014	1,750	3 Wheeler passenger
3.	02-12-2014	BR 1 AP 6241	Sumo	08-12-2014	1,750	3 Wheeler passenger
4.	04-12-2014 05-12-2014	BR 1 AP 8083	Sumo	08-12-2014	3,800	3 Wheeler passenger
5.	04-12-2014 05-12-2014	BR 1 AP 9043	Sumo	08-12-2014	3,800	3 Wheeler passenger
6.	06-12-2014	BR 1 AP 8257	Sumo	08-12-2014	1,750	3 Wheeler passenger
7.	07-12-2014	BR 1 AP 8093	No details	08-12-2014	1,750	3 Wheeler passenger
8.	08-02-2015	BR 1 AP 9043	Sumo	16-02-2015	1,200	Wheeler passenger
9.	09-02-2015	BR 02 P 6245	Bolero	16-02-2015	1,750	Motor cycle/scooter
10.	10-02-2015	BR 03 K 0564	No Details	16-02-2015	1,750	Tractor Commercial
11.	13-02-2015	BR 1 AP 2364	Indica	16-02-2015	3,200	Bus
					24,250 (Total)	

From the above, it is clearly established that the type of vehicles mentioned in the bills is fabricated and the vehicles with the registration numbers indicated in the bills were

not at all hired by Dr.EV Prakash Rao.ButDr. Raoauthenticated and processed the false claims towards hiring of vehicles by fabricating the vehicle details amounting to Rs.24,250 (Rupees Twenty four thousand two hundred fifty only).

The total amount of vehicle hire for these two programs amounted to Rs.1,76,632/- only and the amount clearly pilfered as mentioned in the last para is Rs.24,250/-. This does not mean that the balance amount of (Rs.1,76,632 - Rs.24,250) Rs.1,52,382/- was paid for actual hiring. When the details of the other vehicles mentioned in the bills were verified with Vahan website of the RTO, it was mentioned that the details were not digitized or the numbers furnished were wrong. There is every possibility that a large chunk of Rs.1,52,382/- could have been pilfered.

It is however confirmed that Dr.Prakash Rao had pilfered an amount of Rs.24,250/- or possibly even more. Dr. Prakash Rao thus shown lack of integrity, devotion to duty and also behaved in a manner of unbecoming of a Government Servant violating Rule 3(1) (i), 3 (1) (ii) and 3 (1) (iii) of NIRD Employees (Conduct) Rules.

ARTICLE – IV

Dr. EV Prakash Rao while functioning as Professor in ERC, NIRDPR, Patna conducted training programmes at ERC-Patna during the period from February 2013 to February 2015. On cursory check of the bills pertaining to two training programmes conducted during December 2014 and February 2015 it is noticed that he had authenticated and processed the bills towards hiring of vehicles from Om Sai Tours and Travels towards transportation at a uniform mileage of 80 km for 5 vehicles per each day thus totalling to 400 kms per day without indicating the breakup travel details in the bills. He claimed to have hired 5 vehicles for 5 days for each training. Assuming that transportation facility was provided during the period of training for Resource Persons of 22 trips, a distance of 85 kms only wouldbe adequate to service the Resource Persons. This is as per the assumption that the distance travelled by the resource persons from their residence / work place to the place of training and back. Thus, the bills were authenticated and processed for an additional mileage of 3575 kms(2 trainings) pilfering an amount of Rs.71,500(Rupees seventy one thousand five hundred only) with escalated mileages of 3,575kilometres pertaining to the above two training programmes.

Number of trainings	2
Distance Claimed	Kilometers * No. of days
	400 kms * 11 days
	44000kms
Distance covered	825 kms
Difference	44000kms– 825kms
	3,575kms
Rate per km	Rs. 20/- per km average
Total amount pilfered	3575 kms * Rs.20
	Rs.71,500/-

From the above, it is evident that escalated bills towards hiring of the vehicles were authenticated and processed for the total mileage of 44,000 kilometres instead of 825 kilometres during days of training and pilfered an amount of Rs. 71,500 (Rupees seventy one thousand five hundred only). Thus Dr. Prakash Rao has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and also behaved in a manner of unbecoming of a Government Servant violating Rule 3(1) (i), 3 (1) (ii) and 3 (1) (iii) of NIRD Employees (Conduct) Rules.

ARTICLE-V

Dr. EV Prakash Rao while functioning as Professor in ERC, NIRDPR, Patna conducted training programmes at ERC-Patna during the period from April 2012 to February 2015. On scrutiny of the bills pertaining to 17 training programmes conducted during April 2012 and February 2015, it is noticed that he had settled the bills towards hiring of vehicles from Neelu Tours and Travels / Om Sai Tours and Travels towards transportation of participants for field visit at a uniform mileage of 400 km per trip though the field visits were to different places on different occasions. On further verification of the details it was noticed that a total distance of 6800 kms was shown as covered for the said field visits. The total distance comes to 4428 kms only based on the route map and the distance mentioned in the google maps for the said field visits. Thus, an additional distance of 13859kms was added in

the bills and subsequently authenticated and processed an additional amount of Rs. 131660 (Rupees One lakh thirty one thousand six hundred sixty only) by Dr.EV Prakash Rao for payment as detailed below.

Details of field visits and distance covered during training programs:

Sl. No.	Dates of field visit	Distance claimed (in kms)	Places visited during field visit		Distance as per Google Maps	Total distance for all vehicles	Difference
			From	To			
1.	27,28 April, 2012	3600	Patna	Vaishali	33	223*9 = 2007	1593
			Vaishali	Samastipur	54		
			Samastipur	Patna	86		
			Local mileage		50		
2.	10,11 May, 2012	3600	Patna	Vaishali	33	223*9 = 2007	1593
			Vaishali	Samastipur	54		
			Samastipur	Patna	86		
			Local mileage		50		
3.	28,29 June, 2012	2800	Patna	Vaishali	33	223*9 = 2007	1593
			Vaishali	Samastipur	54		
			Samastipur	Patna	86		
			Local mileage		50		
4.	19,20 July, 2012	2800	Patna	Nalanda	61	318*7 = 2226	574
			Nalanda	Gaya	95		
			Gaya	Patna	112		
			Local mileage		50		
5.	29 August 2012	3200	Patna	Paligunj	52	232*8 = 1856	1344
			Paligunj	Manersharif	41		
			Manersharif	Arrah	34		
			Arrah	Patna	55		
			Local Mileage		50		
6.	27 September 2012	2800	Patna	Nalanda	61	318*7 = 2226	574
			Nalanda	Gaya	95		
			Gaya	Patna	112		
			Local mileage		50		
7.	10 October 2012	3200	Patna	Nalanda	61	318*7 = 2226	574
			Nalanda	Gaya	95		
			Gaya	Patna	112		
			Local mileage		50		
8.	19 October 2012	3200	Patna	Nalanda	61	318*7 = 2226	574
			Nalanda	Gaya	95		
			Gaya	Patna	112		
			Local mileage		50		
9.	13, 14 February 2013	3600	Patna	Darbangah	145	321*9 = 2889	711
			Darbangah	Samastipur	40		
			Samastipur	Patna	86		
			Local Mileage		50		
10.	27, 28 February 2013	2800	Patna	Darbangah	145	321*9 = 2889	711
			Darbangah	Samastipur	40		
			Samastipur	Patna	86		
			Local Mileage		50		

11.	20, 21 March 2013	3600	Patna	Nalanda	61	318*7 = 2226	574
			Nalanda	Gaya	95		
			Gaya	Patna	112		
			Local mileage		50		
12.	26, 27 September 2013	3600	Patna	Nalanda	61	318*7 = 2226	574
			Nalanda	Gaya	95		
			Gaya	Patna	112		
			Local mileage		50		
13.	28, 29 November 2013	3600	Patna	Nalanda	61	318*7 = 2226	574
			Nalanda	Gaya	95		
			Gaya	Patna	112		
			Local mileage		50		
14.	20,21 February 2014	3600	Patna	Nalanda	61	318*7 = 2226	574
			Nalanda	Gaya	95		
			Gaya	Patna	112		
			Local mileage		50		
15.	6,7 November 2014	3600	Patna	Nalanda	61	318*7 = 2226	574
			Nalanda	Gaya	95		
			Gaya	Patna	112		
			Local mileage		50		
16.	4,5 December 2014	3600	Patna	Nalanda	61	318*7 = 2226	574
			Nalanda	Gaya	95		
			Gaya	Patna	112		
			Local mileage		50		
17.	12, 13 February 2015	3600	Patna	Nalanda	61	318*7 = 2226	574
			Nalanda	Gaya	95		
			Gaya	Patna	112		
			Local mileage		50		
						Total Kilometres	13859
						Total Amount	13166 0.5

Thus Dr. Prakash Rao has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and also behaved in an manner of unbecoming of a Government Servant violating Rule 3(1) (i), 3 (1) (ii) and 3 (1) (iii) of NIRD Employees (Conduct) Rules.

ANNEXURE – III

List of documents by which the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained

ARTICLE-I

1. Copy of sample letter from Dr.Prakash Rao to Akhil Bharatiya Panchayat Raj Vikas Sansthan (ABPRVS) requesting to make arrangements for venue, boarding and lodging for conducting the training programmes.
2. Copy of sample letter from Akhil Bharatiya Panchayat Raj Vikas Sansthan (ABPRVS) to Dr.Prakash Rao enclosing bills of New Nilima Tenthouse and Caterers.
3. Copies of bills of Nilima Tenthouse & Caterers duly authenticated by Dr.Prakash Rao as paid in cash for 15 training programs conducted from February 2013 to February 2015.
4. Copy of letter No.33/1066/2018-19 dt.30.05.2018 from the Secretary, Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Patna confirming receipt of payments from ERC-NIRDPR.
5. Photo showing the pictures of New Nilima Tent House and Caterers, Patna with the name of proprietor and phone number.
6. Copy of website address showing the photo of New Nilima Tenthouse and Caterers, Patna.

ARTICLE- II

7. Copies of bills of Nilima Tenthouse & Caterers duly authenticated by Dr.Prakash Rao as paid in cash for 9 training programs conducted from February 2013 to February 2015.
8. Copy of Statement dt.20.04.2018 of Shri Bhagwan Singh Dobal, Draughtsman, NIRDPR informing that only working lunch and tea were provided during the training programmes.

ARTICLE- III

9. Copy of the bills of OmSai Tours and Travels authenticated by Dr.E.V.Prakash Rao as paid in cash.
10. Screenshot of the website <http://vahan.nic.in/>

ARTICLE- IV

11. Copy of the bills of Om Sai Tours and Travels authenticated by Dr.E.V.Prakash Rao as paid in cash.
12. Copy of the training schedules for the period fromDecember2014to February 2015 wherein the details and the number of resource persons were indicated.
13. Screenshot of Google Maps indicating the distance between training place and the resource person's work place / residence.

ARTICLE- V

12. Copy of bills submitted towards hire charges by Neelu Tours and Travels / Om Sai Tours and Travels authenticated as paid in cash by Dr.E.V.Prakash Rao.
13. Copy of training schedules for the period from April 2012 to February 2015 wherein the details of field visits were indicated.
14. Screenshot of Google Maps indicating the distance between place of training and the places covered during the field visits.

List of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained

ARTICLE-I

- NIL -

ARTICLE-II

1. Shri Bhagwan Singh Dobal, Draughtsman, NIRDPR

ARTICLE-III

-NIL -

ARTICLE-IV

-NIL -

ARTICLE-V

-NIL -

ARTICLE-VI

-NIL -